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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL AMBULANCE TO SERVE
RESIDENTS IN THE MAKALEI AREA, KAILUA-KONA, ISLAND OF
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, residents in the Makalei area of Kailua-Kona, on
2 the Island of Hawaii would greatly benefit from the addition of
3 an advanced life support ambulance to augment the Hawaii county
4 emergency medical services system; and
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6 WHEREAS, the population of this area has significantly
7 increased over the years, which has corresponded with a steady
8 increase in calls for emergency medical services; and
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10 WHEREAS, access to primary health care in Kailua-Kona is
11 challenging for the community; and
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13 WHEREAS, for many residents, primary care services are as
14 far as thirty miles away; and
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16 WHEREAS, coupled with economic and transportation
17 challenges, emergency medical services have become the health
18 care access point for many residents; and
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20 WHEREAS, due to the lack of resources, it has become common
21 for paramedics to respond to as many as ten calls for emergency
22 medical transportation during a twenty-four hour shift; and
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24 WHEREAS, the potential for fatigue resulting in errors in
25 judgment, driving, and overall safety are of great concern for
26 personnel and residents; and
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28 WHEREAS, a new advanced life support ambulance will help
29 reduce death and disability among residents and visitors in
30 Kailua-Kona; and
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32 WHEREAS, a timely response to a 911 call is critical to
33 increasing the likelihood of successful outcomes for injured or
34 sick individuals; now, therefore,
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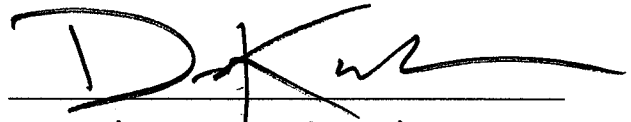
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that this body
3 recognizes the importance of an additional ambulance to serve
4 residents in the Makalei area, Kailua-Kona, Island of Hawaii;
5 and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that timely access to urgent care in
8 the Makalei area is vital to the health and welfare of all
9 people in this area; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and Mayor of
13 the County of Hawaii.
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